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WSP Continues Fight to Stop Methamphetamine

Over the past several years, law enforcement agencies across Washington State have taken an aggressive enforcement approach to the methamphetamine epidemic in the state of Washington. Since 2002, the total decrease of domestically produced methamphetamine exceeds 60%.

Unfortunately, demand for the drug remains relatively constant in spite of the drop in domestic production with methamphetamine constituting 52.1% of the overall drug submissions to the State Patrol Crime Laboratory.

The current trend is that over 75% of the methamphetamine being consumed in the state of Washington is being supplied by foreign based drug trafficking organizations in Mexico. The majority of the methamphetamine production is also occurring within that country; however, these groups also utilize super labs within the United States.

Demand for the drug is remaining relatively high, but the user groups have clearly shifted to middle class Americans. The form of the drug this user groups prefers is crystal methamphetamine with purity levels exceeding 90%.

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